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ANY CHILD CAN APPLY IT!  
Removes all scratches and other  
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NEWARK, DELAWARE.

Session of 1904 begins September 13, 1904

Entrance examinations will be held at  
any of the following named places, on  
June 17th and 18th, 1904, if notice is sent  
to the President: Newark, Middletown,  
Smyrna, Dover, Milford, Georgetown,  
Lewes, Seaford, Laurel.

Examinations for entrance will be held  
in the College on September 13th and 14th  
1904. Candidates should present themselves  
for examination in June, as they will  
then have opportunity to make up at the  
examination at the College in September  
any deficiencies that may be discovered.  
Tuition free to all students from Dela-  
ware. For any information about the College  
write to the President. Catalogues sent  
upon application.

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something about the Cheapest Machine to buy, the  
Best to use, and the most complete all-round Ma-  
chine on the market, then cut this advertisement  
out, put your name and address here,

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
P. O. \_\_\_\_\_

mail it to us, or send postal, and we will mail you  
Valuable Sewing Machine Information, for  
which we do not have room in this advertising  
space.

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

**The Standard Sewing Machine Co.,**  
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**W. B. HALL,**  
Successor to  
**FRED H. DAVIS, ODESSA, DEL.**

I wish to inform the public that I have purchased the  
good will and stock of Mr. Fred H. Davis, and am in a position  
to give the trade the best of everything in the Harness  
line. Will give special attention to custom Hand-Made  
Harness.

REPAIRING A SPECIALTY.  
Will keep a complete line of Robes, Blankets, Whips,  
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other thing to be found in an up-to-date harness store.

WILL APPRECIATE A SHARE OF THE PUBLIC PATRONAGE.

**W. B. HALL, Opposite L. V. Aspl's Shops,**  
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**Business Opening**  
for Young Men and Women

If you wish to start on a business career, fit yourself for a  
business position by at once entering Goldie Commercial and  
Shorthand College,

Which Will Be Open All Summer

A Wilmington firm employs 93 Goldie graduates as book-  
keepers and stenographers; a Philadelphia firm has 24; hundreds  
of the graduates of this college are employed by leading business  
houses in Wilmington, Philadelphia, Baltimore and New York.  
Writing for the new 62-page illustrated catalogue may mean for you a  
stepping-stone to commercial success. Ask for it today—it is free.  
Address, GOLDEY COMMERCIAL COLLEGE, Wilmington, Del.

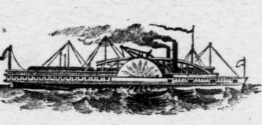
## What a Beautiful Painted House!

This is the universal re-  
mark of the people when  
looking at our work.

Why is this?  
Because we give personal  
attention to all of our work,  
and special attention to the  
blending of colors. We also  
have first-class workmen  
and guarantee our work.  
Give us a call and we will  
explain why you should em-  
ploy

**O. M. MATTHEWS,**  
Practical Painter.  
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Middletown, Del.

1904 TIME TABLE 1904  
Summer Arrangements.



The New  
Iron Steamer **Clio**  
Captain HOWARD V. WOODALL,  
WILL LEAVE

**Odessa & Angustine Pier for Phila**  
AND RETURN FROM  
**Arch Street WHARF,**  
PHILADELPHIA,  
AS FOLLOWS:

**Odessa** **JULY** **Phila.**  
Tuesday, 5th, 12:00 pm Friday, 1st, 6:00 pm  
Wednesday, 6th, 12:00 pm Saturday, 2nd, 12:00 pm  
Thursday, 7th, 12:00 pm Sunday, 3rd, 12:00 pm  
Friday, 8th, 12:00 pm Monday, 4th, 12:00 pm  
Saturday, 9th, 12:00 pm Tuesday, 5th, 12:00 pm  
Sunday, 10th, 12:00 pm Wednesday, 11th, 12:00 pm  
Thursday, 12th, 12:00 pm Friday, 13th, 12:00 pm  
Saturday, 14th, 12:00 pm Sunday, 15th, 12:00 pm  
Monday, 16th, 12:00 pm Tuesday, 17th, 12:00 pm  
Wednesday, 18th, 12:00 pm Thursday, 19th, 12:00 pm  
Friday, 20th, 12:00 pm Saturday, 21st, 12:00 pm  
Sunday, 22nd, 12:00 pm Monday, 23rd, 12:00 pm  
Tuesday, 24th, 12:00 pm Wednesday, 25th, 12:00 pm  
Thursday, 26th, 12:00 pm Friday, 27th, 12:00 pm  
Saturday, 28th, 12:00 pm Sunday, 29th, 12:00 pm  
Monday, 30th, 12:00 pm

Boat will leave Angustine Pier 12  
hours later than Odessa time.  
Comfortable accommodations for Passen-  
gers. Ladies' and Gentlemen's  
Saloon and Private State-  
rooms.

**FARE, 50 CENTS.**  
Grain, Fruit and Stock Freight at  
Reasonable Rates.

Attention given to the Careful Hand-  
ling and Prompt Delivery of all  
consignments.

For information in regard to Freight  
apply to  
**F. B. WATKINS, Manager,**  
Odessa, Delaware.  
**WILLIAM W. ROSE, Clerk.**

**FRIENDS' SCHOOL,**  
Fourth and West Sts.,  
WILMINGTON, DELAWARE.

Co-educational. 15 teachers. Ex-  
cellent equipment. Thorough  
instruction. Pupils fitted for  
college or business. Fall term  
begins 9th month, 19th. For  
illustrated catalog address,  
**HERSCHEL A. NORRIS, A. M.,**  
PRINCIPAL.

**WOOL WANTED!**

No. lbs. butter..... 5,494.943  
No. lbs. butter fat..... 266,992  
No. lbs. churn yield..... 32,583

No. lbs. butter..... 299,545  
No. lbs. curd..... 119,374  
Amount paid Patrons..... \$68,387.85  
Amount Earnings..... 10,672.94

Total receipts of Creamery..... \$79,060.79  
Salaries..... \$2,293.22  
Extra Services..... 79.79  
Supplies..... 5,529.06  
Dividends and notes..... 1,622.54  
Cash on hand..... 728.33

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The Treasurer's report showed the total  
receipts of the creamery were \$79,060.79  
and the disbursements were shown up by  
vouchers.

Pertinent remarks were made by sev-  
eral members of the company, and entire  
confidence was expressed in the manage-  
ment of the creamery, and all connected  
with it.

The following gentlemen were elected  
Directors for the coming year, viz: G. L.  
Persons, Philip Conine, C. A. Platner,  
Andrew Carman, George M. Becker.

At a meeting of the Directors, Wednes-  
day the following officers were selected:—  
President, Philip Conine; Vice President,  
Andrew Carman; Sec'y and Manager,  
W. B. Chaffin; Treasurer, W. C. Plat-  
ner.

We understand that Mr. Wight will be  
retained as butter maker, and Charles  
Dunham, as superintendent of the Casine  
department.

The Prattville Creamery Company is  
now receiving about 32 cents per pound  
for butter.

I wish to add a little more light to it  
however, for it may give you a better  
idea of the value of your milk. First,  
Prattville is 41 miles from a railroad; they  
ship their butter to Philadelphia;

**John A. Jolls,**  
SUCCESSOR TO JOHN W. JOLLS,  
DEALER IN—  
**The Wm. Lea & Sons,**  
Fancy Roller  
and Patent  
**Flour**  
Mill Feed of all kinds, Seeds, Coal, Etc.  
**COAL! COAL!**  
MIDDLETOWN, DEL.

## OF INTEREST TO MILK PRODUCERS

Through the United States there are  
now in operation 11,000 co-operative  
creameries and cheese factories which are  
considered successful, and nearly 400,000  
farmers going to them; there is also in  
the United States 18,000,000 cows, so our  
government statistics tell us.

With one exception every standard  
farm journal published advocates co-  
operation among the farmers and this  
one exception is a journal published and  
owned by a gentleman of the highest  
standing. The writer can not positively  
state why this journal does not advocate  
co-operation, but it is a well known fact  
that its editor and owner is perhaps the  
largest single owner of creameries in the  
State of Wisconsin and I never have  
known a creamery man who did not advo-  
cate co-operation or even admit that the  
principal was beneficial. It is true that  
there have been many co-operative com-  
panies (in name only) started, and with  
rare exceptions they have failed. There  
has been and again will be many farmers  
start farming and many of them fail but  
is that anything against the farm? Just  
so of co-operation. We are not the only  
people building creameries; we do how-  
ever claim to be the only company doing  
business who organizes companies which  
are co-operative in method just as they  
are in name, and every time a community  
is brought together on a genuine co-oper-  
ative principle, there you are sure to find  
success, and the cause is very plain to  
be seen, genuine co-operation is equally  
not speculation, and just as soon as the  
fact is known that Mr. B. can make no  
money out of Mr. C's raw material, but  
that each man is bound to get paid for  
just what his product nets in market,  
and when it is known that Mr. B. can  
have knowledge of no trade secrets or  
information in regard to the business  
which is not also known by Mr. C, just  
so soon the value of co-operation shows  
itself, and in every community where  
such organizations exist there also exists  
a feeling of fellowship never known  
before and in the farmers pocket is more  
money than he ever had before from his  
cows. The writer in no degree wishes  
you to think he is opposed to the middle  
man. He is not. They are very neces-  
sary. What he is opposed to, always  
was, always will be, is the middle man  
using every means in his power to create  
a monopoly and when he has shut out  
all competitors which interferes, how-  
ever the price of raw material below  
the cost of production. I am opposed to  
it on the principle that the day you  
remove from the farmer's pocket his  
profit that day you begin to destroy the  
very foundation of our existence—the  
farm. All of us, I presume, is in busi-  
ness for gain, and those of us live the  
longest who's plan of business seeks for a  
portion of the prosperity of the farmer  
not to impoverish him. It has repeatedly  
been proven that it costs the average  
farmer 90 cents to produce 100 pounds  
of milk, and when he is paid less money  
for it each milking finds him poorer.

It is not the policy of the people whom  
I represent to seek newspaper notoriety.  
We will not, however, act by and be  
maimed. If our tub will not stand its  
own bottom any man has the right to  
cause its collapse. He should, how-  
ever, come out of his cover. When I  
learned the price dairymen here were  
getting for milk, I also learned something  
of the quality of his cows and the natural  
conditions for producing milk; that  
brought me here, "was not my purpose  
to throw mud nor discuss the business  
methods of any other man or men in the  
butter business. I am, however, forced  
to it in self defense and if the skeleton  
in the creamery closet in Middletown  
must be taken out I shall to the extent  
I'm pushed, help rattle his bones.

Last week I called your attention to a  
company organized by me at Quarryville,  
Pa. I now wish to call your attention  
to a clipping from the *Prattville Gazette*  
Creole Co., N. Y., it speaks for itself:

**CREAMERY MEETING**  
The annual meeting of the Prattville  
Creamery Co., held at Erkon's Hall, on  
Tuesday, January 13th, was called to or-  
der by President Philip Conine. Sec'y  
C. A. Platner and Manager G. L. Persons  
being present.

Manager Persons being called upon,  
presented the following report.

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they have no cows there except Holsteins  
and if you will take your pencil you will  
see they received \$1.24 per cent. for their  
milk throughout the year.

Now I wish to ask you, milk producers,  
why you in this community, with the  
same equipment, the same organization,  
the same markets and 300 miles nearer  
to them, cannot do as well? We organ-  
ized this company 3 years ago and at  
least three months during the winter  
they do not operate their plant owing  
to the great amount of snow and severe  
weather. Eight years ago we organized  
a company at Flushing, N. Y., on the  
U. S. D. R. R., to-day within a radius of  
51 miles from that point we have 27 of  
these Flushing System plants operating.

On the 30th day of March last, the writer  
was telegraphed to come to New Berlin,  
N. Y., on the O. & W. R. R. I organ-  
ized a company for the milk producers  
there and the 21 Tuesday in May they  
began doing business. The writer wishes  
to say a few words more and then ex-  
press his apology for having consumed  
this much of your time and also apologize  
to THE TRANSCRIPT for imposing upon  
their generosity. At New Berlin is lo-  
cated the greatest Milk Condensing plant  
in the world. This plant absorbed all  
competitors and then placed expensive  
restrictions upon the milk producers so  
that he marketed his milk at a loss.

Now why did those people send way  
down to Oxford, Pa., for a man to come  
and organize them and build them a  
plant of their own? Simply because  
they read farm papers and know what  
results we have produced in Delhi, N. Y.,  
60 miles from them, and at many other  
points. Following is a letter received  
from Mr. L. C. Davis, which needs no  
explanation:

NEW BERLIN, N. Y., May 28th, '04.  
MR. J. F. HARDING, Oxford, Pa.  
DEAR SIR:—We were born Tuesday last  
and are now receiving about seven pounds  
milk daily and making same into butter.  
Will you kindly give me the address of  
the firm in Philadelphia to which you  
referred us; the concern you told me of  
when you first came here.

You have put up a good plant for us,  
and I think I voice the sentiment of  
every stockholder when I say that we are  
perfectly satisfied. But you know, Mr.  
Harding, the old saying, "One good turn  
deserves another," and if you can assist  
us in any way in the matter of finding  
a market for our butter we will esteem  
it a great favor. Thanking you in ad-  
vance, I remain, yours sincerely,  
L. C. DAVIS, Secretary.

P. S.—Please see that one or two cat-  
alogs and price lists of the creamery  
supplies manufactured by your company  
are sent to us as soon as possible.

Respectfully,  
J. F. HARDING, Middletown Hotel.

**NIAGARA FALLS EXCURSIONS**  
The Pennsylvania Railroad Company  
has selected the following dates for its  
popular ten-day excursions to Niagara  
Falls from Philadelphia, Baltimore, and  
Washington: July 8 and 22 and August  
12 and 26, September 9 and 23, and Oc-  
tober 14.

The excursions from Philadelphia will  
be run by two routes. Those on July 8  
and 22, August 12 and 26, September 9  
and 23, going via Harrisburg and the  
picturesque valley of the Susquehanna,  
special train leaving Philadelphia at 8:10  
A. M.; excursion of October 14 running  
via Trenton, Manunka Chunk, and the  
Delaware Valley, leaving Philadelphia  
on special train at 8:07 A. M.

Excursion tickets, good for return  
passage on regular train, exclusive of limited  
express trains, with ten days, will be sold  
at \$10.00 from Philadelphia and all points  
on the Delaware Division; \$11.25 from  
Atlantic City; \$9.60 from Lancaster; and  
at proportionate rates from other points,  
including Trenton, Bordentown, Mt.  
Holly, Cape May, Salem, Wilmington,  
West Chester, Reading, and principal  
intermediate stations. A stop-over will  
be allowed at Buffalo within the limit of  
ticket returning.

The special trains of Pullman parlor  
cars and day coaches will be run with  
each excursion running through to Ni-  
agara Falls. An extra charge will be made  
for parlor-car seats.

An experienced tourist agent and  
chapman will accompany each excursion.  
For descriptive pamphlet, time of con-  
necting trains, and further information  
apply to nearest ticket agent, or address,  
Geo. W. Boyd, General Passenger Agent,  
Broad Street Station, Philadelphia.

**WITH KNEES CROSSED**  
A medical authority has recently ut-  
tered a warning against the habit of sit-  
ting with one knee crossed over the other  
—a pose which is nowadays almost as  
common among women as among men,  
says *Harper's Weekly*. This apparently  
harmless habit, it seems, is likely to cause  
sciatic, lumbago, chronic neuritis, ac-  
cending paralysis, cramps, varicose veins,  
and other evils. The reason is simple:  
The back of the knee, it is explained, as  
well as the front of the elbow and wrist,  
the groin and the armpit, contains nerves  
and blood vessels which are less ade-  
quately protected than in other parts of the  
body. The space behind knee contains  
two large nerves, a large artery, and  
numerous veins and lymphatic glands.  
It is the pressure on these nerves and ves-  
sels which is apt to give rise to the var-  
ious troubles against which we are  
warned.

**NIAGARA FALLS**  
Baltimore & Ohio popular excursions  
to Niagara Falls only \$10.00 round trip,  
July 1 and 15; August 5 and 19; Septem-  
ber 2 and 16; October 7, 1904.

Excursion tickets will be sold on above  
dates at the very low rate named, good  
only on Train No. 504, leaving  
Wilmington, Del., at 9:40 A. M., arriving  
at Niagara Falls at 11:00 P. M.  
Tickets valid for return ten (10) days,  
including date of sale, on all regular  
trains.

Holders of Niagara Falls tickets have  
privilege of making a delightful side trip  
from Niagara Falls to Toronto and return,  
going and returning same day for \$1.25;  
and on return can make the charm-  
ing side trip from Rochester to Thousand  
Islands and return for \$3.75.

Stop-overs permitted on return trip at  
Buffalo, Rochester Junction (for Roches-  
ter), Geneva, Watkins Glen and Mauch  
Chauk.

These popular excursions are run  
through the most beautiful section of the  
east, giving a delightful view of the beau-  
tiful Susquehanna River, the Lehigh and  
Wyoming Valleys.

Call on ticket agents for full particu-  
lars.

## DON'T FORGET THE OLD FOLKS

Nay, don't forget the old folks, boys—  
they've not forgotten you;  
Though years have passed since you were  
home, the old hearts still are true;  
And not an evening passes by they  
haven't the desire  
To see your faces once again and hear  
your footsteps nigher.

You're young and buoyant, and for you  
Hope beckons with her hands,  
And life spreads out a waveless sea that  
laps but tropic strands;  
The world is all before your face, but let  
your meekness pause and then to bring  
To where fond hearts still cherish you  
and loving bosoms yearn.

No matter what your duties are nor what  
your place in life,  
There's never been a time they'd not as-  
sume your load of strife;  
And shrunken shoulders, trembling hands  
and forms racked by disease,  
Would bravely dare the grave to bring to  
you the pearl of peace.

So don't forget the old folks, boys—  
they've not forgotten you;  
Though years have passed since you were  
home, the old hearts still are true;  
And write them now and then to bring  
the light into their eyes,  
And make the world glow once again and  
bluer gleam the skies.

## FASHIONS AT SARATOGA

**Early Morning Costumes:** Coats; Afternoon  
and Evening Gowns; Flowered Organizes;  
Girdles; Shoes and Hosiery.

For the morning promenade and visit  
to the Springs, where it is the pleasure or  
duty of the visitors at Saratoga to assem-  
ble for a matutinal draught of the heal-  
ing waters, negligee attire is considered  
quite comme il faut.

Plain costumes of Mohairs, pongee,  
linen or etamine with little coats in bolero  
or eton style which can be carried on the  
arm on very warm days are quite correct;  
and also short waisted suits of linen, taffet,  
shantung or of any of the multifarious  
shimmering materials suitable for summer  
morning negligee attire. Coats of costume  
are shirred or plaited, the same back and  
front, and many have loose flowing elbow  
sleeves, showing the waist worn under  
them.

**Very Sheer.**  
Materials are the rule for these lingerie  
waists and they are rather elaborate with  
trimmings of lace and frills of the very  
open lace embroidery so much in vogue;  
and sometimes hand tucking and delicate  
stitching enhance the effect. The stocks  
are all transparent in lingerie style with  
the same trimming as the waist.

**Afternoon and Evening Gowns**  
The silk vogue which is gaining strength  
continually, is evident in the unusual  
number of gowns in dressy style, and  
worn on the afternoon promenade or  
drive at Saratoga. Taffetas and louisines  
with very small checks in pale shades,  
and white, and shot taffetas as well which  
are very much trimmed with sheer lace.

They are frequently made in Louis XV  
style with lace insertions and ruches of  
the silk on the skirt and shirred bodices  
with deep points in front, sleeves that  
are gathered full in a puff at top, and end  
at the elbow with frills of lace.

**Pompadour Bobinets**  
with trimmings of ribbons or ruches of  
silk. Gowns of embroidered Swiss and of  
batiste trimmed with embroideries and  
gowns of net and lace, all have a repre-  
sentation.

**Girdles**  
High draped girdles of silk or ribbon  
which are sometimes pointed in front,  
sometimes round are worn with these  
gowns; they are often trimmed with  
handsome art or rhinestone buttons and  
have knotted sash ends at the back.

**LOW RATES TO OCEAN CITY, MD.**  
The Philadelphia, Baltimore and Wash-  
ington Railroad Company announces  
three excursions to Ocean City, Md.,  
during the present season—July 7, August  
4 and 18.

A special train will be run on the sched-  
ule given below, and excursion tickets,  
good only on the special train in each  
direction, will be sold at rates quoted.

Train Leaves Rate  
Wilmington, Del..... 6:25 A. M. \$1.25  
New Castle, "..... 6:38 " 1.25  
Porter, "..... 6:58 " 1.25  
Kirkwood, "..... 7:07 " 1.25  
Mt. Pleasant, "..... 7:15 " 1.25  
Towamenc, "..... 7:24 " 1.25  
Blackbird, "..... 7:32 " 1.25  
Smyrna, "..... 7:41 " 1.25  
Clayton, "..... 7:46 " 1.25  
Cheeswood, "..... 7:56 " 1.25  
Dover, "..... 8:07 " 1.25  
Wilmington, "..... 8:15 " 1.15  
Felton, "..... 8:30 " 1.00  
Harrington, "..... 8:52 " 1.00  
Milford, "..... 9:07 " 1.00  
Lincoln City, "..... 9:15 " 1.00  
Ellendale, "..... 9:24 " 1.00  
Georgetown, "..... 9:40 " .75  
Millsboro, "..... 9:54 " .75  
Frankford, "..... 10:04 " .65  
Selbyville, "..... 10:14 " .50  
Ocean City..... Arrive..... 11:20

Returning, special train will leave  
Ocean City 4:40 P. M.  
Children under twelve years of age,  
one-half the above rates.

**MILITARY SCIENCE AND TACTICS**  
Captain Edward W. McCaskey of the  
21st Infantry has been detailed as Pro-  
fessor of Military Science and Tactics at  
Delaware College Newark, Delaware, to  
take effect September 1st, 1904.

Captain McCaskey will report in per-  
son to the President of the College not  
later than August 15th, 1904. He was a  
class-mate of Captain Gordon and Captain  
Frier, who were lately at the College and  
are now in the Philippines.

He served the tour of duty at the  
Pennsylvania States College and Dr.  
Atherton speaks of him in the highest  
terms.

Captain Moore who is relieved from  
duty at the College will go to Fort Snell-  
ing, Minnesota.

The Military Department in the hands  
of Captain McCaskey cannot fail to be  
popular with the students.

**World's Fair Excursions**  
Low-rate ten-day excursions via Pen-  
sylvania Railroad, July 2, 7, 14, 21, and  
28. Rate, \$18.50 from Middletown.  
Train leaves Middletown at 9:22 A. M.,  
connecting with special train from New  
York arriving St. Louis 4:15 P. M. next  
day.

## WASHINGTON LETTER

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 9th.

THE 50th anniversary of the Republi-  
can party was celebrated in this city  
on the 6th



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## STATE CONVENTION

The Republican State Committee on Thursday ordered a State Convention to be called for Tuesday, August 18th, 1904, for the purpose of nominating candidates for Presidential Electors, Representative in Congress, Governor, and a whole state ticket. This is the earliest possible date at which a State Convention can be held, as the delegates from New Castle County must be chosen under the provision of the Primary Election Law. It is not generally known that the last Legislature amended the Primary Election Law to provide for the holding of a Primary anytime after the first day's registration. This year that date is Saturday, August 6th, and the delegates cannot be chosen until Monday, and the Convention held on Tuesday. This action of the State Committee means that the Republican State ticket will be first in the field, and the wisdom displayed in the selection of candidates will go far towards promoting one ticket, or two. We believe that it will be possible for this Convention to nominate a ticket that will be acceptable to the Union Republicans and which will receive the endorsement of that party's convention.

The result cannot be achieved, however, by the adoption of the men or methods urged by the *Evening Journal* or the *Sussex Republican*. The candidate for Governor, for instance, should be a Republican, who will treat both factions honestly and fairly, as we think the present Governor was disposed to do until driven to the Union Republicans by the abuse of certain men and organs. We can understand the position of the *Sussex Republican* in its demand for two tickets from "top to bottom." It has nothing to lose by such a course. The few Regular Republican south of Duck Creek, while honest in their convictions and fearless in the fight put up for morality and good government are hardly to be considered as a political factor. In this county, however, there are 7000 or more Regular-Republican who are just as honest and fearless, but who do not believe that it is necessary to turn the state and county over to the Democrats in order to beat Adickes, as they know the same result can be reached without the attendant loss of power and position. It therefore becomes necessary to be careful and cautious in the selection of delegates to the convention of August 6th, which may prove to be a turning point in the long fight against corruption and bossism.

## STATE CONVENTION MEETS AUGUST 9th.

The Republican state committee, at a meeting in Dover Thursday decided to hold a state convention in Dover Tuesday, August 9th, to nominate a ticket, candidates, for Presidential electors, a representative in Congress and for the various state offices. Primaries to elect delegates to the state convention will be held throughout the state on Monday, August 8th.

The dates selected for the primaries and the convention are the earliest that possibly could be chosen under the new law governing primary elections. Hereafter it has been impossible to have primaries for any purpose until after the three registration days in August, were past but the law was amended by the last legislature so that primary elections can be held at any time after the registration on the first Saturday in August. The first registration day this year will be on Saturday, August 6th, and the registration books will have to be ready for use at the primaries on the Monday following.

No call for the convention has been issued as yet by State Chairman L. Heiser Ball, but official notice of the election of August 8th as the date for primaries was filed Thursday evening by Chairman Ball and Secretary Frank L. Speakman with the Department of Elections and with Sheriff Sidler.

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## A GREAT INJUSTICE

The *New Era* I believe would never have written to Mr. Chewing for information had it known that Mr. C. is the superintendent of the Borden Condensory at New Berlin and bitterly fought me while raising the stock for the plant there; who ever gave the *New Era* Chewing's address well knew Mr. C's attitude toward co-operation. The writer has never said he was in the employ of the Casien Co. he has their contract in his possession however, wherein they bind themselves to pay the farmers in this vicinity a certain price for their product if I organize a company here, and to this extent I represent the Casien Co. of America. The writer did not suppose that Mr. Collingswood of the "Rural New Yorker" would know anything of him, and I repeat that Farm Journal Advocate co-operation. From the letter Mr. Collingswood writes "would seem that the inquiry he received was so worded that Mr. C's reply would be in the form of "knock-out drops." As to the cost of the plant the writer has proposed to build, yes the cost will be \$4000 and I think the *New Era* does me an injustice to make comments or comparisons where neither my plans or specifications has been inspected by its editor.

CO-OPERATION AHEAD.  
The *New York Farmer* of July 7th has the following to say of the co-operative creamery:

"Reports from co-operative butter factories show that their May and June returns beat both the liquid-market and condensery net returns by a satisfactory margin."

"Many of the co-operative factories, that have established a reputation for good butter, are receiving for their product a price considerably above the highest market quotations for factory creamery."

"These factories are saving their producers from the positive losses on milk that are being netted by the farmers who sell to the milk middlemen of all classes." The *New Era* in its last two issues for the supposed purpose of casting doubts in the minds of cow owners as to the status of one J. F. Harding and the people he has the honor to represent. Following is a copy of a letter received by Messrs. Cook & Brady which needs no explanation:

MIDDLETOWN FARMERS, COOK & BRADY, Middletown, Del.  
GENTLEMEN:—We are in receipt of yours of the 9th, inst. inquiring regarding Mr. J. F. Harding of Oxford, Pa. We are pleased to inform you for something over a year, Mr. Harding is working under the direct supervision of our Mr. T. B. Floyd who is located at B. & N. Y., and who has charge of our work pertaining to the establishment of creamery enterprises in your section. Mr. Harding has been very successful in his work and the writer found, while on a recent visit in that section with Mr. Harding that the plants which he has located are uniformly successful, and that he secures and retains the full confidence of all those who have been in any way associated with him in this work. If there is any further information which you desire along this line or pertaining to any of our methods in connection with this work shall be pleased to advise you.

Yours truly,  
CREAMERY PACKING MFG CO.  
H. B. Osgood, Sales Mgr.

In the letter of L. C. Davis published on the first page of this issue we made a mistake in copying. It should read—"are now receiving about 7,000 pounds of milk daily, and making same into butter."

J. F. HARDING,  
Middletown Hotel.

## BASE BALL

Port Deposit proved easy for the Chesapeake boys on Saturday last at Port Deposit. The visitors played the fastest game seen in the League this year. Port was outclassed, Chesapeake winning by the score of 5 to 0.

On Saturday, July 15th, at 3 P. M., Elkton will try conclusions with Chesapeake at Chesapeake. A warm game is expected.

NEW CASTLE COUNTY, SS.  
THE STATE OF DELAWARE,  
TO THE SHERIFF OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY,  
GREETING:  
Whereas, Mary A. Warwick by her Petition to the Judges of our Superior Court filed in the office of the Prothonotary of said Court in and for New Castle County, for the cause of complaint therein alleged, has made application to our said Judges that a decree may be pronounced dissolving the marriage existing between the Petitioner and Benjamin F. Warwick.

We, therefore, command you, as you were heretofore commanded, that you summon Benjamin F. Warwick that he be and appear before the Judges of our said Court at the next term thereof to be held at Wilmington, on Monday, the Nineteenth day of September next to answer the allegations of the said petitioner, and also to do and receive what the Court shall then and there consider concerning him in this behalf as to the Court shall seem meet and consistent with the provisions of the said Act of Assembly.

And have you then there this writ.  
Witness the Honorable Chas. B. Lore, at Wilmington, the Sixth day of July A. D. nineteen hundred and four.  
FRANK L. SPEAKMAN,  
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## WARWICK

Miss Bessie R. Merritt was a visitor in town this week.

Mrs. Ginn, of near Odessa, was a visitor in town Monday.

Miss Minnie Smith is spending some time in Camden, N. J.

Miss Anna Beatty is sojourning at the home of Miss Elsie Marsh.

Mr. and Mrs. John Garner were Smyrna visitors one day this week.

Washington Camp meets every Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

Miss Ollie Milburn, of Crumpton, is visiting relatives near town.

Miss Emma Vinyard was the guest of Miss Edna V. Stephens one day this week.

Most of the farmers of this locality are through harvesting their large crops of hay.

Misses Willie and Josephine Aikin, of Delaware City, are guests of relatives in town.

Mrs. W. T. Vinyard is the guest of Mr. Edward Manlove and family, near Middletown.

It is rumored that work will begin on the Middletown and Cecilton Railway via Warwick during this month.

Miss Elvora R. Finley has returned to her home in Appleton, Md., after a pleasant visit with Mrs. Wilson Merritt.

Mr. and Mrs. John Montgomery, of New Haven, Conn., are guests at the home of Mr. Edgar Bishop near town.

Preaching in Mount Olivet M. P. Church to-morrow at 8 P. M., Rev. F. S. Cain pastor. Senior Christian Endeavor prayer meeting at the usual hour. All are invited.

## FIRST JIM CROW CAR SUIT

The Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington Railroad Company now has the first suit to contend with as the result of the "Jim Crow" cars in Maryland. Willis King, colored, of No. 538 Seibert Street, Philadelphia, has brought the suit against the company to test the constitutionality of Maryland's "Jim Crow Car" law. On July 1 King bought a ticket in Philadelphia for Baltimore. After leaving Wilmington, King was told to go in the "Jim Crow Car" which he refused to do, saying he had a right to remain where he was as the train was an express and not an accommodation train.

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### Local News.

Deviled Crabs at

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MONTGOMERY'S ice cream is fast gaining a reputation.

NEW HAY FOR SALE—PASTURE LOT FOR RENT. Apply to

MRS. F. E. COMEY'S.

Cream furnished for all picnics at

Lowwood. C. B. LOKE.

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A carload of Middlings for sale at G. L. COCHRAN'S Warehouse.

Removed to the middle room in the

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Don't cook on Sunday when you can

get one-half gallon frost packed and delivered for 30 cents at

MONTGOMERY'S.

FOR SALE—Crimson clover seed 350

bushels. JOSEPH E. HOLLAND,

Milford, Delaware.

W. E. Douglas and J. E. Fuller, Associate

Principals of Goldie College, are

very popular with their students.

75 tons Jackson's Georges Creek Soft

Coal, just received and unloaded and will

fill all orders promptly at lowest market

prices. G. L. COCHRAN, Middletown.

After June 1st the library will be open

on Tuesday evening, instead of Tuesday

afternoon. J. R. HOFFMEYER.

Crab meat at

JONES & BRADLEY.

DR. W. E. BARNARD, Surgeon Dentist,

office Southeast corner of Main and Scott

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BEES AND HONEY FOR SALE—I have

fine Italian Queens, honey and bees and

bives for sale at reasonable prices. C. A.

JONSON, Electric Light Plant, Middle-

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FOR SALE—A 12 room house with

all modern improvements. Southeast

corner Green and Church Streets. Pos-

session given March 25th, 1905. Apply to

JOS. A. CLAYTON, JR., Middletown, Del.

We have just received a large assort-

ment of Refrigerators and Ice Boxes.

All styles and prices. Call and see our

line before they are picked over.

J. F. McWHIRTER & SON.

FOR SALE—The property of the late

Marcellus Jones on South Broad Street.

For particulars apply to

J. R. HOFFMEYER,

Middletown, Del.

FOR SALE—One Soda Fountain com-

plete, in good order. Address, Lock

Box, No. 321.

Full line of Fresh Groceries at E. F.

INGRAM'S.

The foundations for the two dwellings

of Mr. Joseph C. Jolls on Cass street are

completed, and Mr. James A. Bradley

the contractor, will begin work during

the coming week.

The Annual Lawn Fete, under the

auspices of the Junior Auxiliary, will

be held on the grounds of St. Anne's Church

next Tuesday evening, July 19th, from

6:30 to 9:30. All are cordially invited.

Unclaimed Letters—The following list

of letters remains unclaimed in the post

office for the week ending July 7th:

Sallie Watson, postage due; Miss Ida Wil-

son; Mrs. Martha Wright; J. B. Brock-

son; George W. Marvel.

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Last week, while on a springing hay

rake in a field, Woodall Cochran, son of

Mr. Daniel M. Cochran, had the misfor-

tune to catch his foot in the rake and

badly sprain it. The accident is by no

means serious, and the young man, we

learn, is nearly recovered.

The Volunteer Hose Company was

called out at 11 o'clock last Sunday

morning by the blowing of the fire

whistle, but the fire which was in the

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The many friends of Mr. E. J. Steele,

the local florist, will regret to learn

he has decided to leave our town. Mr.

Steele will in a short time remove his

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Mr. Hezekiah Rogers, father of Mrs.

W. P. Cullen and grandfather of Mrs.

T. S. Fournace and Miss Hattie Cullen of

this town, died at his home near Freder-

ic early Wednesday morning, aged 90 years.

Funeral services were held at his late re-

sident Friday afternoon at two o'clock.

The remains were entered in Barrett's

Chapel Cemetery.

Only a few crops of wheat have been

threshed in this vicinity as yet. The

most condition of the weather the past

week has been much in the way. As

between the owners of the threshing outfit

who wish to make time and the growers

who desire their grain housed in good

condition, there is being quite a pull.

The crops which are in barns are gener-

ally said to be of good quality, but the

yield a little below the average.

Crabbing parties are becoming popular

with our young folks, the sport and pas-

time being enjoyed by many married

couples and older people as well. The

drive, to the Maryland or Delaware

waters, the amply filled lunch baskets,

the sail on the water, the sport of catch-

ing the pesky little crabs, afford much

sport and excitement to say nothing of the

dangers of pinched fingers, sun-browned

cheeks, etc. On Monday morning last a

large party visited Town Point, Md., and

had a fine time—minus a single crab.

In the party were: Frank B. Pool and

wife, Henry Schroeder and wife, Mrs. J.

L. Shepard, Mrs. Rose Kennedy, Mrs.

W. E. Barnard, Mrs. Harry D. Howell,

Mrs. Fannie Lockwood, Miss Dora Price

Miss Maria Nowland, Miss May Holton,

and William Hukill, William Brady, Dr.

E. M. Vaughan and Dr. C. H. Green.

The New Century Club of Middletown

have elected for the coming year the fol-

lowing board: President, Mrs. Merritt N.

Willis; 1st vice president, Mrs. Richard

Cann; 2d vice president, Mrs. Frank Wat-

kins; recording secretary, Miss Lydia

Cochran; assistant recording secretary,

Miss Ethel Brady; corresponding secre-

tary, Mrs. Culbert Green; Treasurer,

Miss Anna Derrickson, who at their first

meeting appointed the following chair-

men of their committees: Current events,

Mrs. Charles Derrickson; literature, Miss

Maria Lockwood; music, Miss Laura

Willis; education, Mrs. W. B. Biggs;

domestic science, Miss Clara Blackiston;

social affairs, Mrs. T. H. Gilpin; art and

drama, Mrs. M. N. Willis; juniors, Mrs.

Harris McDowell; seniors, Mrs. Edward

Reynolds; social science, Mrs. Frank Wat-

kins; reciprocity, Mrs. Caleb Freeman;

libraries, Mrs. J. P. Cochran.

MILLINGTON SWEEPED BY FIRE

The flourishing town of Millington,

Md., was gutted Tuesday afternoon by a

disastrous fire, causing a loss of between

\$150,000 and \$200,000, which is nearly a

total loss, little insurance being carried

because of high rates. The business sec-

tion of the town was completely wiped

out. Not a store remains standing.

Forty-two dwellings were burned. The

fire is supposed to have originated from a

spark in a building directly in the rear of

a blacksmith shop. The streets Tuesday

night were filled with homeless men,

women and children, who saved nothing

but their clothes from the flames. The

fire started at 4 o'clock in the afternoon

and raged with unabated fury for three

hours. The Washington and Liberty

Fire Companies from Wilmington, with

about 100 men, arrived on a special train

shortly after 7 o'clock and were soon

pouring water from Chester river and the

mill race upon the blazing district. The

burned district is confined principally to

Sassafras and Cypress streets, where the

following stores and main buildings were

destroyed. The individual losses are es-

timated as follows: Stores—C. M.

Hurt, general merchandise, \$10,000;

J. B. Hurlock, general merchandise,

\$15,000; J. T. Mannings, general merchan-

dise, \$800; F. A. Walls, \$100; F. H.

Bennaman, general merchandise, \$800;

F. C. Numbers, music store, \$1,500; F. S.

Bottomly, provisions, \$1,500; G. N. Hazel,

books and shoes, \$1,200; J. T. Powers,

drug store, \$1,200; L. A. Fallowfield, gro-

ceries, \$1,500; W. H. Loper, blacksmith,

\$1,000; Emmanuel Episcopal Church,

\$2,500; J. A. Vansant, general merchan-

dise, \$1,500; F. Freeman, Collins,

general merchandise, \$5,000; Millington

Bank, \$1,000; Queen Anne and Kent Rail-

road station and warehouse, \$5,000. The

above is individual loss. In many in-

stances merchants did not own the

buildings occupied.

Dwelling burned—Sassafras street, Mrs.

Mary Bottomly, \$2,500; E. W. Spear,

\$4,000; E. Razewski, \$1,500; T. M. Brin-

ton, \$1,600; F. C. Numbers, \$1,200; Miss

Fannie Hurlt, \$2,000; T. A. Vansant,

\$4,000; M. Roser, \$500; L. H. Ross, \$200;

Mrs. M. Spear, \$700; T. H. Harding,

\$1,500; Mrs. George Davis, \$200; Mrs.

M. Smith, \$800; J. T. Powers, \$3,000;

Olen Darling, \$1,000; Cypress street,

Mrs. A. Craner, \$3,000; Mrs. M. Cole,

\$3,000; Mrs. Vista Power, \$2,000; H. Tom-

kins, \$2,000; George Harrington, \$1,000;

Richard Martin, \$1,500; Mrs. M. Jones,

\$1,500; Mrs. Lewis Price, \$1,500; Mrs. Williams,

\$500; Mrs. S. Wilson, \$700; N. H. Clark,

\$700; C. H. Harris, \$700; John G. Moore,

\$4,000; Jones, \$1,500; W. J. Kelly,

\$500; W. J. Porter, \$1,200; F. A.

Emory, \$2,500; W. B. Hilyard, \$3,000;

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## OBEYING ORDERS

BY MARY MORRISON

THE white scrim curtain of Mrs. Serena Halstead's front window was slightly raised at one corner, making a tiny triangle of light which revealed the residence of her nearest neighbor, the widow Haff.

Mrs. Halstead sat upon a low stool beneath the window in a decidedly uncomfortable posture, getting a crick in her back in her endeavor to obtain a fairly good view of proceedings in and about the aforesaid premises.

"There! I knew he would never get by without she'd waylay him," she whispered, as Hiram Halstead's old gray nag stopped before the opposite gate, in response to the beckoning wave of a hand from the door of the east wing, and presently its owner came tripping down the walk, with a fleecy white fascinator wound coquettishly about her head, concealing the fact, which was becoming plainly apparent to all close observers, that the widow Haff was really getting gray.

"Wants a quarter of a pound of tea or five cents' worth of pepper, likely. She's always wanting something important if Hiram sets out to go to town alone. She would manage to get along without them if I was along."

"For goodness sake! I do believe she is asking him to take her along!" she gasped, as uncle Hiram looked guiltily over his shoulder in the direction of his own home, and waited while the widow tripped back into the house.

"I wonder if Hiram's a born nat'ral?" she whispered indignantly as the widow came out again arrayed in initiation seal, skin, and stepped daintily into the old box cutter, accepting uncle Hiram's awkward attempts to tuck the horse blankets about her, with profuse thanks. Then he guided the horse into the road and hit him a resounding smack with the hickory whip-stalk, from which the braided lash had long been severed.

"Trying to cut a swell!" said Mrs. Serena, sarcastically, as the old gray gave a spasmodic jump, settling down into an ambling snick as they disappeared down the road.

Presently she clambered up from her painful position and went out of the cold front room and closed the door. The kitchen fire had burned out, and only a few coals smoldered in the gray depths of the ashes. An involuntary shiver crept up her back and she pinned a shawl about her shoulders before proceeding to kindle it.

Hiram's old blue swanky lay on a chair where he had dropped it to do his ancient brown overcoat, which was always kept for use on holiday occasions, such as going to town or to church.

"Shiftless cool! Always leaving something under foot," she muttered, giving it a spiteful toss into the corner. Then she took her mending basket from the corner stand and sat down by the stove, with her feet on the hearth. But she did not thread the great darning-needle from the ball of brown home-spun yarn or take up Hiram's butter-colored sock, whose heel, disfigured by a gaping hole, stared her pathetically in the face. Instead she clasped her hands over her knees and stared into the fire.

Occasionally she glanced up at the kitchen clock, whose hands seemed to crawl around the smoke-stained dial. Once she arose, and going to the window looked anxiously down the snowy road toward Davisburg, but seeing no one, she went back with a sniff of disgust and picked up the mending basket again. This time she went restlessly to work, but it was not Hiram's sock which she drew from the basket. She took instead a long black stocking of her own and searched the heel and toe for thin places in need of repairs, poking the neglected sock into the bottom of the basket, where it would cease to be a source of annoyance.

Finally she arose and put on the tea-kettle and proceeded to skim two pans of milk, which she set down by the stove to warm for the two small calves which had lately been added to the stock of kine. Then she sat down again.

The twilight shadows were creeping into the room when Hiram Halstead came up the kitchen steps, pausing to sweep away every particle of snow from his feet with the old stub of a broom always kept there, before presuming to step into the white kitchen floor. Then he opened the door softly and came in, waiting to take off his overcoat and Sunday cap before coming to the fire.

"It's going to be a master cool night, Sereny," he said, glancing at his wife in a timid, deprecating way; but she kept on drawing the long length of yarn through the heel of her stocking, and did not reply.

"Here's the spool of white thread and the spool of coarse black yarn wanted," he continued, taking a small parcel from his pocket and dropping it into her lap.

"Where's the hooks and eyes? You forgot them, I suppose, having such agreeable company along," she said sarcastically, unrolling the small parcel.

"I declare, Sereny, I clean forgot the hooks and eyes," he said, a distressed look on his face. "I thought there was something else, but I couldn't think what it was."

"It's a wonder to me that you remembered anything. I thought it likely you'd keep right on and sleight ride all the afternoon, you had such a light-toned partner and such a foxy team," she said in a manner that always particularly exasperated her husband.

"Oh, well! if you want to get up on your ear, Sereny, you can most as well find something to begin about," he said, dejectedly, picking up his swanky from the corner.

"I'll pose this here's the call milk?" he asked, pointing to the two pans, whose contents were beginning to steam.

His wife concluded him no reply and he brought the pails from the back kitchen and poured the milk carefully out, looking up in consternation as a few drops fell upon the spotless floor; then seeing that his wife did not appear to notice the mishap, he hastily set the offending drops, and when he lifted it there was no milk to be seen, only a small wet spot that might have been an

infinitesimal lump of melted snow. Then drawing his old Scotch cap down over his ears, he plodded out to the barn with his burden.

"I'll pose Hiram thinks I didn't see him tramping that milk into the floor and spreading the grease as far as ever he could. Thinks he's cleaned it up by stepping onto it," she said, getting the mop-pail and pouring into it a quantity of hot water. "What a nasty critter a man is," she muttered irritably as she scrubbed away vigorously with a rag and some soap.

After supper Hiram sat sleepily toasting his stockings feet before the fire, while his wife carefully swept the imaginary crumbs from the floor with a lopsided broom. He watched her dreamily as she twisted his uneven lengths into the corners and about the legs of the fall-less table.

"Why don't ye sweep straight, Sereny, and wear your broom out even, like the wider Haff? Her broom is as square and trim as it was when it come out of the store?"

Sereny Halstead paused with her broom in mid-air. This was the proverbial last feather, this comparing her methods of doing anything with the ways of that good-for-nothing—she felt that language would fall should she attempt to express the half of her feelings.

The ominous silence did more to arouse her husband from his musing mood than any tirade of words. He looked up inquiringly. The lightning fits of wrath were scintillating flaming rays from her eyes, and she stood and glared at him.

"How long is it, Hiram Halstead, since you took to comparing my brooms and my ways of doing things with the ways of that impudent hussy across the road? How long is it, I say?" she repeated menacingly, with upraised broom, before which Hiram involuntarily quailed.

"Must be you're getting uncommon familiar there. Now see here, Hiram, I've stood a plenty of this kind of doin'! This house is getting too small to hold you and me, too; you'd better find another. Do you hear?" she screamed, her anger possessing her to the exclusion of every other emotion.

"Go, I say! Go!" she commanded fiercely, and turning, she fled into the bedroom, and closing the door, locked it.

Hiram Halstead looked after her with a dazed expression on his face. Had he heard her aright? She said so many sharp, cutting things that he was becoming used to them, and they were losing the power they once had to sting. He had long since ceased to strive with her for the questionable triumph of the last word. But she had never before told him to go. Could she have meant it?

He rose to his feet and looked helplessly about him. This was her house; these were her broad acres stretching about on either side. The old homestead that had been his father's before her. He could lay no claim to them or to anything else, he thought bitterly.

"He had no thought of disobeying. In the old days of his army life Hiram Halstead had been distinguished for his unquestioning obedience to orders. The wind whistled dementally about the house and a few hard pellets of frozen snow rattled against the window.

He groped feebly among the garments hanging behind the kitchen stove at his faded blue swanky; then he found his old Scotch cap and pulled it well down over his ears and tied an ancient red muffler about his throat, as he had been wont to do on stormy days. His yarn mittens, too, he took from under the stove, where he had laid them to dry, and opening the door, went out into the night.

The clock struck nine and ten. The fire had long since burned out and ice was beginning to freeze on the windows. The foliage of a red geranium which stood upon the sill, with its one cluster of blooms flushing ruby red, stiffened into leaves of ice as the wind crept into the crevices in the sash.

Finally the bedroom door was cautiously opened a little way, then wider, and Mrs. Halstead looked out into the room. The old kitchen chair beside the stove was empty, and the chintz-covered lounge had no occupant beside the house cat, who moved inquisitively as she came slowly out.

"Gone to the barn, most likely," she thought as she rekindled the kitchen fire for the second time since morning. Then she sat down and waited.

Finally she took down the lantern and lit it; then she slipped the gray shawl over her head and went out.

The snow lay in drifts about the steps and no foot had disturbed them for hours. She ploughed her way to the barn. Old Gray looked up with a whinny of welcome and then a wince-colored calico jumped up from their pink noses for milk, and thrust out their pink noses for milk.

There were no suspicious-looking mounds in the fragrant hay, and the horse blankets lay in the old cutter-box.

She went out and shut the door, looking carefully along the path as if she expected a familiar old blue swanky to rise up from some of the mislaiden drifts and confront her. Finally she went down the path to the gate and looked anxiously down the road.

The wind beat her back with cold whisks and the sharp particles of snow stung her face like needles of fire, which were no sharper than the stings of remorse which pierced her heart. What had she said? She could hardly remember; yet she had a faint recollection of telling him, in her furious anger, to go; but he was used to her outbursts of rage. He would never take her at her word.

A faint streak of light issued from a rent in her neighbor's thick window-shade. A quick revulsion of feeling sent the blood into her face and her heart beat with great throbs.

He was there, then. He had gone from her who had taken him from the poorhouse, almost into her home, the home which had belonged to the Cran-dalle for generations, the home of respectable people, and it had been left for her to drag its respectability in the mire, to make her name a reproach and a byword among the neighbors. Probably they were watching her out there in the

night, and laughing to see her searching with a lantern for a man who had deserted her.

She turned and went back into the house and hung up the lantern, then she took the frozen geranium from the window and drew down the curtain.

Weeks lengthened into months and months into years, and the brown coil on the back of Serena Halstead's head faded to pale yellow and then to white. She kept her own counsel and answered the comments and questionings of her neighbors with a prolonged stare and a further tightening of her thin lips.

Time, that wondrous unraveler of mysteries, had revealed the cruel falseness of her suspicions, but it had never given her up the secret of the whereabouts of Hiram Halstead. He had disappeared from all those who had known him as the easy-going, obliging neighbor of fifteen years ago.

Sometimes in the silence of the night she would awaken with a start, believing she heard the slow, familiar step upon the porch and the rasping brush of the old stub of a broom, which still stood beside the door. Many lopsided specimens had finished their career of usefulness there, faithful to the last, and Serena Halstead never took one in her hands without remembering the last time she had ever heard her husband's voice.

"She had taken up her burdens with grim determination, and had never faltered, let the winds blow hot or cold, until a severe attack of rheumatism left her with one hand practically disabled. Then she took a forlorn-looking broom from the poorhouse, who acquired the habit of starting guiltily at every sharp, rasping comment she gave him, which reminded her so forcibly of similar incidents already far back in the past, that she grew into the way of repeating them in softer tones, and it was seldom of late years that the old domineering ways asserted themselves.

Winter was slowly and sullenly giving way to the seductive south winds and sunny days of spring. The tiny brooks, puffed up with pride and melting snows, tore through cuts and ravines with the speed and volume of rivers, and greater streams over-stepped their boundaries, doing a great deal of damage.

Few daily papers found their way from the village to the Halstead place, and the Davisburg Star was the only literary planet which shed benign rays of enlightenment about the surrounding country to any extent. So Serena Halstead went on making preparations for the long-delayed visit to her cousin Rebecca Haff, who lived in an adjoining State.

The severe cold of the winter was a thing of the past, and the season for the planting of crops was still some weeks distant. Andrew could keep things running as well as she could, and—well, she was growing old, and so was Rebecca. A year longer might be too late; besides, it was useless to deny it, she was lonely.

She longed inexpressibly for the presence of some human creature, which should, in some manner, belong to her, to the old life which seemed so very far away. There was no one but Rebecca, now that Hiram had dropped out of her life; no kith or kin to interest themselves in her or her belongings, or to care whether she journeyed abroad or tarried at home.

It was a bright sunny day when she started. True, it had rained furiously all night, but with the morning the clouds had fled away and the warm spring sunshine lay yellow and golden over the streaming earth.

Andrew had brought her to the depot in the green express wagon, and with difficulty had deposited her robe-bound trunk on the platform. It gave her a strange sensation to see him drive away toward home, almost as if she had gone out of the old life. An impulse to call him back and clamber into the high seat beside him was sternly resisted, and she went into the depot and sat down. Then she went to the little window and purchased her ticket. She had burned her bridges; there could be no retreating now.

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Only a curious ripple of running water and an indistinct murmur of human voices that sounded vague and far away.

She tried to move, to raise her arm, which still ached with a dull pain, but she could not. Some immovable burden seemed crushing her into the very earth. Where was she and what had happened? She raised her head slightly and looked about her. Broken timbers, splintered woodwork, and a few feet distant, almost within reach of her hand, a heap of brown clothing underneath a mass of twisted iron and broken panels. As she looked, it moved and a gray head in an old Scotch cap raised itself up and looked wildly about.

"Hiram?" she gasped, looking into the familiar face, which had not changed beyond recognition.

A glad light overspread his rugged lines as he recognized his wife's voice. "Sereny," he called feebly, "is that you?"

"Yes, it's me, Hiram—what there is left of me," she answered, a strange feeling of content creeping into her heart, despite her awful surroundings. "Are you much hurt?" she asked anxiously, trying to get another look at his face, but she was only answered by a low moan. "Was that you, Hiram?" she called, but receiving no response, she shrieked wildly for help and struggled to throw off the leaden weight which held her firmly to the ground. Her efforts sent sharp pains tearing through her benumbed flesh and she sank back exhausted.

A faint smell of smoke was in the air, and a new fear possessed her. In imagination she could discern the crackling of flames and the smell of burning flesh.

It seemed ages before the welcome sight of a living and moving human form appeared in response to her appeals for help and began the dangerous task of extricating her from the mass of splintered wood and iron.

"Him first; he's dyin'," she gasped, motioning toward the heap of butternut clothing, whose wearer had remained numb and dumb through all her wild outcries.

"He's done for, I guess," said one bending over him.

"No; he was alive just a minute ago. Get him out as quick as you can," she begged, trying in vain to get another glimpse of the gray head.

"He will take an hour to loosen those iron, and he'll be gone long before we can get him clear," argued one. "We'd better help him first."

"If you don't get him out you can let me stay here till doomsday," she cried fiercely.

"Is he your husband, ma'am?" asked the man, curiously.

"Yes, he's my husband, and I haven't seen him alive for fifteen years till I see him in that pile of ruins. Now will you go to work? Hiram, Hiram!" she called wildly.

As if in response to her impassioned call he opened his eyes and moaned feebly.

"Hiram, don't you dare to go dyin' now. Do you hear?" she commanded authoritatively.

"Yes, Sereny," he sighed, and relapsed into unconsciousness.

"He breathes, George," said one of the attendants, as they laid him on the waiting stretcher, "but he'll never walk again or I'll miss my guess. Now then, it's your turn, ma'am."

Presently, after an age of agony, two stretchers stood side by side in the car, waiting to receive the bruised and maimed survivors of the Wayland railway horror.

"Yes, he lost a leg and I lost an arm, but we are pretty good team if we are a little mismatched, ain't we, Hiram?" she said turning to the white-haired old man who stood leaning on his crutches in the mid glow of the autumn afternoon, as she suddenly whisked a top-sider broad around among the table legs after a few stray crumbs.

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